

Missouri Seal of Biliteracy

2022-23



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Missouri Seal Of Biliteracy 2022-23

The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy (Missouri Seal) promotes active participation in a global society and economy by incentivizing, recognizing and celebrating the acquisition of biliteracy skills and sociocultural awareness. The Missouri Seal is a policy-level commitment to develop proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation that aligns with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) goal of preparing Missouri students for a lifetime of success.

Missouri's policy meets the minimum criteria collaboratively developed by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), the Teachers of English to Speakers of Languages (TESOL) International Association, the National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE) and the National Council of State Supervisors for Languages (NCSSFL).

The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy is an award granted by a local district/school to recognize a student who has attained proficiency in English and one or more other world language(s) before high school graduation. The recognition of attaining biliteracy becomes a part of the high school transcript for these students and serves to certify attainment of biliteracy for the community, employers and universities.

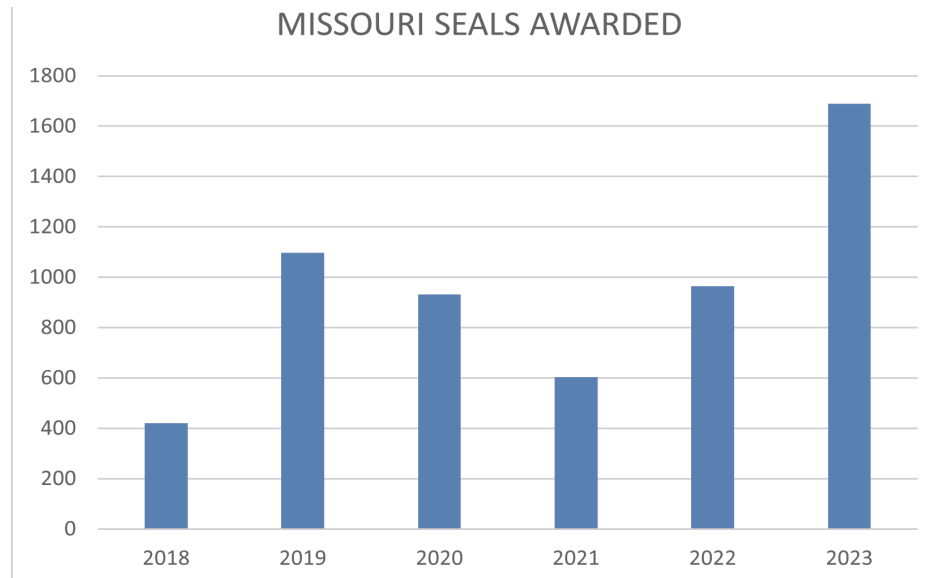
The Missouri Seal is meant to

- encourage the study of a second language;
- recognize, promote, and praise students for their accomplishment;
- value diversity;
- provide employers with a means of identifying bilingual employees;
- provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants;
- prepare students with 21st century skills that will benefit them in a global economy and society;
- strengthen relationships and honor the cultures and languages in a community.



Students Earning The Missouri Seal Of Biliteracy

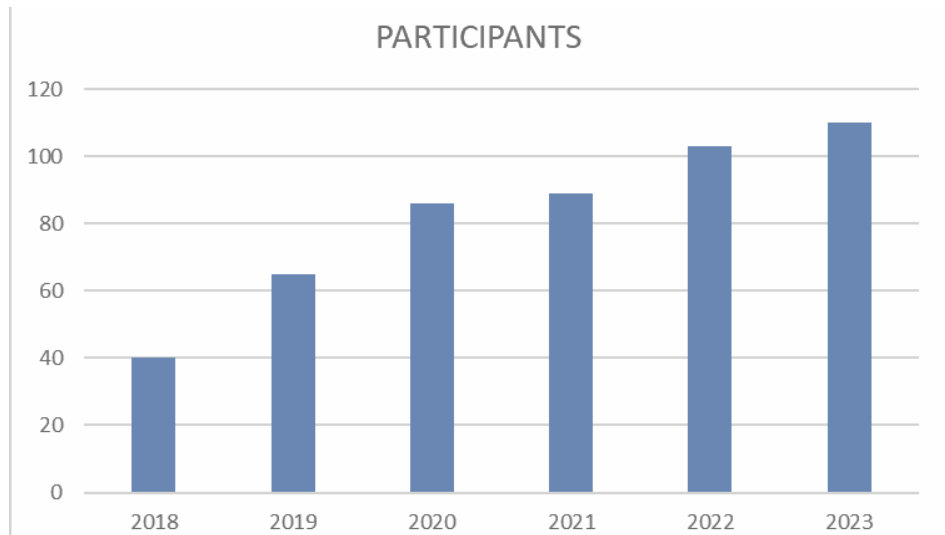
Year	Seals Awarded
2018	420
2019	1098
2020	932
2021	603
2022	964
2023	1692



- Since its adoption in 2018, 5,030 Missouri Seals of Biliteracy have been awarded.
- Participation in 2019 increased due to statewide promotion efforts.
- Though the number of awards went down in 2020 and 2021, we were excited to see that even with COVID-19 Pandemic's limitations, students were able to participate.
- Participating districts/schools reported awarding 1,524 Missouri Seals of Biliteracy and 168 Distinguished Seals of Biliteracy In 2022-23.

Participating Districts/Schools

Year	Number of LEAs
2018	40
2019	65
2020	86
2021	89
2022	103
2023	114



Languages Represented

36 Languages Represented in 2022-2023

Arabic	Dari	Hindi	Mandarin	Russian	Tamil
Bosnian	Filipino	Igbo	Norwegian	Sinhala	Telugu
Chinese	French	Italian	Persian	Spanish	Turkish
Chuukese	German	Japanese	Polish	Swahili	Ukrainian
Croatian	Gujarati	Korean	Portuguese	Swedish	Urdu
Danish	Hebrew	Latin	Romanian	Tagalog	Vietnamese

Missouri Seal Award Options

Award	Description
Distinguished Missouri Seal of Biliteracy	The Distinguished Missouri Seal of Biliteracy is for students who show an advanced level of proficiency in at least two languages.
Missouri Seal of Biliteracy	The standard Missouri Seal is awarded to students who show a high level of achievement in English and an intermediate level of proficiency in another language.

English as a First Language Speakers (L1)

Percentage of students earning a Missouri Seal of Biliteracy in 2022-2023 identified as English as first language speakers: **69%** (students)

Motivated students who begin studying a second language in middle school and/or high school can often attain the Seal of Biliteracy. Motivated students who have learned and maintained a language other than English at home or in a dual language program can often attain the Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy.

English as a Second Language or Heritage Language Speakers (L2)

Percentage of students earning a Missouri Seal of Biliteracy in 2022-2023 identified as having a first language or heritage language that **is not** English: **31%** (students)

The percentage of students whose first language is not English varies greatly from local education agency (LEA) to LEA. Some LEAs report having no students whose first language is not English. In some LEAs the percentage of students who have a heritage language other than English is close to 50%. The national average for English as second language learners earning the Seal is approximately 25%.

Multiple Seals Earned by Individual Students

Thirty-five students earned a Missouri Seal of Biliteracy for English and two additional languages. One student earned a Missouri Seal of Biliteracy for English and three additional languages.

Criteria for Languages Other Than English

All students must demonstrate proficiency in both English and a language other than English (LOTE). Districts/schools choose the instrument(s) used and determine how to best fund the assessments which are aligned with language proficiency levels used by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). A minimum achievement of Intermediate Mid (according to ACTFL) or the equivalent on another measure of proficiency, by the end of 12th grade is required to earn a Missouri Seal of Biliteracy. Students achieving a minimum of Advanced Low (according to ACTFL) are eligible for the prestigious Distinguished Missouri Seal of Biliteracy.

Criteria for Language Proficiency in English

Native English speakers and former English learners, upon entry to high school and including monitored students, must earn a minimum score of Proficient on the English II End-of-Course (EOC) assessment. If the student did not earn a satisfactory score on the English II EOC, an ACT score of 18 in English or Reading may be used for the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy and an ACT score of 21 in English or Reading may be used for the Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy. Students entering high school designated as an English learner may substitute a minimum score of 4.0 on the ACCESS language proficiency assessment. To earn the Distinguished Seal, ELs must earn an overall 4.7 on the ACCESS. Students only need one standardized measure of English proficiency.

Sociocultural Competence

Students must demonstrate high levels of sociocultural competence as it relates to English and the LOTE. Decisions on selected measures lie solely with the district/school and must include measures for demonstrating positive attitudes toward bilingualism and using both languages in a culturally appropriate way. Districts/schools should develop rubrics to use in the assessment of sociocultural competency and articulate minimum criteria for achievement in this area. Some activities that demonstrate socio cultural competency include, but are not limited to

- translation assisting community organization;
- completion of community service project using both languages;
- active participation in multicultural community events; or
- essay explaining how proficiency in both languages will help the community.

Students with Disabilities

If a student has specific accommodations written into their individualized education plan (IEP) or 504 plan that is applicable to either the English or LOTE assessment, those may certainly be used.

Missouri Seal of Biliteracy 2022-2023: Individual District/School Results

Not all participating districts/schools awarded Seals in 2022-2023, only those with reported awardees are included.

Suppression has been applied to total awards to protect small student populations < 5.

An * has been used to identify the level of awards received for each language.

Allen Village

Total Awards: 11

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 27%

L2 Speakers: 73%

Bayless

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Bosnian	*	*

L1 Speakers: 0% L2 Speakers: 100%

Belton 124

Total Awards: 14

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	*
Tagalog	*	

L1 Speakers: 2% L2 Speakers: 98%

Blue Springs R-IV

Total Awards: 21

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
Mandarin		*
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Branson R-IV

Total Awards: 14

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Gujarati	*	
Hindi	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 50%

L2 Speakers: 50%

Brentwood

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 50%

L2 Speakers: 50%

Camdenton R-III

Total Awards: 5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: (80%)

L2 Speakers: (20%)

Carl Junction R-I

Total Awards: 7

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Carthage R-IX

Total Awards: 34

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: (0%) L2 Speakers: (100%)

Chillicothe R-II

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish		*

L1 Speakers: (0%) L2 Speakers: (100%)

Clayton

Total Certificates: 37

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Bosnian		*
French	*	*
Korean	*	
Latin	*	
Mandarin	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 73%

L2 Speakers: 27%

Columbia 93

Total Certificates: 37

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	
Japanese	*	*
Mandarin	*	
Portuguese		*
Spanish	*	*

English L1 Speakers: 76% **English L2** Speakers: 24%**Crossroads Charter Schools**

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 0% **L2** Speakers: 100%**Francis Howell**

Total Certificates: 50

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
Croatian	*	
French	*	*
Sinhala	*	*
Spanish	*	*
Telugu	*	
Ukrainian	*	
Urdu	*	*

L1 Speakers: 66% **L2** Speakers: 34%**Ft. Zumwalt R-II**

Total Awards: 90

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Bosnian	*	*
French	*	
German	*	
Gujarati	*	
Hindi	*	
Korean	*	
Portuguese	*	
Spanish	*	*
Vietnamese		*

L1 Speakers: 76% **L2** Speakers: 24%

Six students earned Seals in two languages in addition to English.

Grain Valley R-V

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Guadalupe Centers Schools

Total Certificates: 51

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L2 Speakers: 94%

L1 Speakers: 6%

Hallsville R-IV

Total Awards: 8

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Hannibal 60

Total Awards: 9

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 89%

L2 Speakers: 11%

One student earned Seals in two languages in addition to English.

Hollister R-V

Total Awards: 7

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 0%

L2 Speakers: 100%

Independence 30

Total Awards: 14

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Jackson R-II

Total Awards: 10

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 80%

L2 Speakers: 20%

Joplin Schools

Total Awards: 9

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 67%

L2 Speakers: 33%

Kansas City 33

Total Awards: 52

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	*
Mandarin	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 65%

L2 Speakers: 35%

Kearney R-I

Total Awards: 8

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
German	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 88%

L2 Speakers: 12%

Kirkwood R-VII

Total Awards: 23

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	*
Spanish		*

L1 Speakers: 91%

L2 Speakers: 9%

Ladue

Total Awards: 53

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Chinese	*	
French	*	
German	*	
Japanese	*	
Portuguese		*
Spanish	*	*
Tamil	*	

L1 Speakers: 85%

L2 Speakers: 15%

Nine students earned Seals in two languages in addition to English.

Lebanon R-III

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 75%

English L2 Speakers: 25%

Lee's Summit R-VII

Total Awards: 126

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
French	*	*
German	*	*
Italian	*	
Korean	*	
Mandarin	*	*
Spanish	*	*
Urdu	*	

L1 Speakers: 79%

L2 Speakers: 21%

Multiple Seals were earned by three students

Liberty 53

Total Awards: 92

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
Danish		*
Dari		*
French	*	
German	*	*
Igbo	*	
Italian	*	*
Mandarin	*	
Polish		*
Spanish	*	*
Swahili	*	

L1 Speakers: 66% L2 Speakers: 34%

Six students earned Seals or Distinguished Seals for English and two additional languages. One student earned Seals for English and three additional languages.

Lindbergh Schools

Total Awards: 49

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Bosnian	*	*
French	*	
German	*	
Romanian		*
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 94%

L2 Speakers: 6%

Logan-Rogersville R-VIII

Total Awards: 8

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Russian	*	*
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 63%

L2 Speakers: 37%

Lutheran High School of St. Charles County

Total Awards: 8

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 88%

L2 Speakers: 12%

Mary Institute and St. Louis County Day School

Total Awards: 68

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Hindi	*	
Mandarin	*	*
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

McDonald County R-I

Total Awards: 28

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 4%

L2 Speakers: 96%

Neosho School District

Total Awards: 12

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 0%

L2 Speakers: 100%

Nerinx Hall

Total Awards: 14

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	*
German	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 93%

L2 Speakers: 7%

North Kansas City 74

Total Awards: 74

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	*
French	*	*
German	*	
Mandarin	*	
Portuguese	*	
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 55% L2 Speakers: 45%

Three students earned Seals or Distinguished Seals for English and two additional languages.

Northwest R-I

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

English L2 Speakers: 75% English L1 Speakers: 25%

Ozark R-VI

Total Awards: 17

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 82%

L2 Speakers: 18%

Multiple Seals were earned by one student

Parkway C-2

Total Awards: 114

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
Bosnian	*	*
French	*	*
German	*	
Hebrew	*	
Japanese		*
Korean	*	
Latin	*	*
Norwegian		*
Persian	*	
Portuguese	*	
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	*
Swedish	*	
Tamil	*	*
Telugu	*	*
Turkish		*
Urdu	*	

L1 Speakers: - 79%

L2 Speakers: 21%

Raymore-Peculiar R-II

Total Awards: 19

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Raytown C-2

Total Awards: 12

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 67%

L2 Speakers: 33%

Republic R-III

Total Awards: 15

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	*
Ukrainian		*

L1 Speakers: 73% L2 Speakers: 27%

One student earned a Seal and Distinguished Seal.

Ritenour

Total Awards: 35

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	*

English L2 Speakers: 100% **English L1 Speakers:** 0%

Multiple Seals were earned by one student

Rockwood R-VI

Total Awards: 129

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
French	*	
Polish		*
Portuguese	*	
Russian		*
Spanish	*	*
Telegu	*	

L1 Speakers: 97% **L2 Speakers:** 3%

Two students earned Seals and Distinguished Seals for two languages in addition to English.

Salem R-80

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% **L2 Speakers:** 0%**School of The Osage**

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% **L2 Speakers:** 0%**Sedalia 200**

Total Awards: 14

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Chuukese	*	
German	*	
Romanian	*	
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 7% **L2 Speakers:** 93%**Smithton R-VI**

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% **L2 Speakers:** 0%

Springfield R-XII

Total Awards: 79

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Chinese	*	
French	*	
Filipino	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 78%

L2 Speakers: 22%

St. Charles R-VI

Total Awards: 23

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 96%

L2 Speakers: 4%

St. Joseph Christian School

Total Awards: 9

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

St. Louis City

Total Awards: 9

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	
Vietnamese	*	

L1 Speakers: 33%

L2 Speakers: 67%

St. Pius X High School

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Latin	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

St. Teresa's Academy

Total Awards: 23

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 96%

L2 Speakers: 4%

Stockton R-I

Total Awards<5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers:100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Summit Christian Academy

Total Awards: 12

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 33% L2 Speakers: 67%

Troy R-III

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

Visitation Academy

Total Awards: 20

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 95% L2 Speakers: 5%

Washington

Total Awards: 14

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

Waynesville R-VI

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	

L1 Speakers: 50% L2 Speakers: 50%

Webb City R-VII

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

Wentzville R-IV

Total Awards: 68

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
Chinese	*	*
French	*	*
German	*	
Portuguese	*	
Spanish	*	
Tamil	*	

L1 Speakers: 85% L2 Speakers: 15%

Willard R-II

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 67% L2 Speakers: 33%

Windsor C-1

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

Wright City R-II Of Warren Co.

Total Awards: 5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 0% L2 Speakers: 100%